



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gerard MATHIS et al.

Examiner: Joyce TUNG

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Title: METHOD FOR REDUCING FLUORESCENCE QUENCHING IN BIOASSAYS

## **REPLY**

Mail Stop - Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the amendments filed August 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.